Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was a Police Officer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandara Ayyar *(Nellayi):* There was?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissior of Police):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have any steps been taken to ascertain the number of tickets sold or anything of that sort?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandara Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was it the Police Officer who was on duty there, who informed the Police?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The constable sent information to the station, he did not himself go to the station.

ARTICLE IN THE "COCHIN EXPRESS" DATED 27th KANNI 1120

73. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulm):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have noted the article "കൊച്ചി കൊച്ചികാർക്കുമാത്രമോ" on page 4 of the "Cochin Express", dated 27th Kanni 1120?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Do the Government realise that there is a real danger if this slogan "Cochin for Cochinites" is carried too far.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Are not many Cochinites working in British India and other places?

Rama Varmha Thampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

ASSAM ANCHAL HUNDI SYSTEM—DELAY IN PAYMENT OF MONEY ORDERS

74. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that there is an impression among the general public in rural areas that since the introduction of the Assam Anchal Hundi System it very often takes a longer time than it used to take formerly for payees of hundies to receive the amounts sent from Assam and other places where Cochin Labour Units are working;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that hundi forms sent by Assam Labourers and received in Ernakulam Anchal Office are not promptly despatched then and there to the respective Anchal Offices, but are sent only when the number of forms destined to the respective Anchal Offices become appreciable in number ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Government are not aware that there is such an impression among the general public in rural areas. On the other hand by the Labour Anchal Scheme hundies are more speedily and promptly paid, especially in rural areas. Unlike the Postal Department, every important village in the State has an Anchal Office and the Labour Hundies reach the payees with the least delay.

(*b*) It is not a fact. No delay is caused in the Ernakulam Anchal Office in the despatch of Labour Hundies. They are being despatched then and there to the respective destinations from the Ernakulsm Anchal Office.

Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Have the Government received any complaints regarding the late payments of Labour Hundies?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

GUM FROM GROUND-NUT CAKES—MANUFACTURE OF PLYWOOD SHEETS

75. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether it has been brought to their notice that the gum necessary for the manufacture of plywood sheets can be extracted out of ground-nut cakes ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government are making any attempts to explore the possibility of getting gum?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Explore what?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* The possibility of extracting gum from ground-nut cakes.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It has already been explored by private firms. Gum is being extracted by the Tata Oil Mills.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to take steps to make it available for sale?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is available for sale in the Tata Oil Mills.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is the Plywood Factory at Chalakkudi making gum of ground-nut cakes?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government are supplying ground-nut cakes for this purpose?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government Depots have never supplied ground-nut cake for this purpose?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Has there been any case of ground-nut cakes having been smuggled for the purpose?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no question of smuggling also.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So, there is no actual crime connected with it? Was there no case that somebody purchased ground-nut cakes from the agricultural manure depot at Irinjalakkuda and sold it to the Plywood Factory?

Mr. C. J. Mathaw *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Nobody has committed any crime. The Factory might have purchased it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Has not the Government received complaints of people purchasing the cakes for agricultural purposes and then selling it.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Gavernment):* Yes—one instance has come to the notice of the Government.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam) :* Has there not been any such question ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The question was enquired into. There was a complaint about selling of manure to an agriculturist and that agriculturist selling it to the Plywood Factory. The matter was enquired into. The Agricultural Inspector did it in good faith, but still he was punished for not enquiring into the question whether the purchase was by a real agriculturist or not and whether he wanted that much of manure.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What was the quantity sold ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was somewhat about 10 or 12 tons.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether any action was taken against the agriculturist who did it ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think there is no power.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Officer was punished.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The agriculturist was not punished. There is no provision.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* Is there any prohib ition by the Government on agriculturists in selling cakes purchased by them at full rates.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development) :* There is absolutely no prohibition.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* What was the punishment given to the officer ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think it is the stopping of two increments, subject to correction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the offence in selling ground-nut cake for the purpose of manure. What is the dereliction of duty ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Under the "Grow More Food Campaign", the Government are stocking manure in all the depots, Taluk depots and Panchayat depots, and Agricultural Inspectors are asked to do propaganda work and induce the ryots to take to this intensive manuring. By selling this manure from that particular depot to a particular person who is not an agriculturist, a false impression will be created that Government have been selling so much manure for actual agricultural purposes, whereas the fact is otherwise. The Agricultural Inspector made enquiries, but somehow sold it without actually knowing before hand that it might be sold to others. There was, so to say—I can bring it to the notice of the House—there was an honest keen rivalry between these Inspectors who wanted to show sales in their depots. The actual fact is this. Then the Agricultural Inspector got a party to purchase this

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manure, he sold it right away thinking that his action will be applauded by the higher authorities. But when the complaint came, we made enquiries. He confessed the whole thing. But still, he being the Agricultural Inspector of the Taluk, he ought to have known whether that particular person could utilise so much of manure for agricultural purposes. For that dereliction of duty and as a warning for future caution, he was punished.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassn *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the person who purchased the ground-nut cake in the instant case was a real agriculturist ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: He was an agriculturist also. But he did not require that much of manure. That question ought to have been considered by this Inspector.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur)*: May I know whether subsequent to this instance, any provision has been made to prohibit agriculturists from selling this cake to industrialists after purchasing it from the Government depot ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: We have made no provision to penalise the agriculturist. We have given sufficient instructions to the Agricultural Staff to see that these manures are issued for bonafide agricultural purposes only.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*. In view of the answer that there was no prohibition on the agriculturists to sell what he bought, no offence is disclosed on the part of the Agricultural Inspector ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I have already explained that position.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: He has been punished for over-enthusiasm in the Department.

Mr. President: Over-enthusiasm is often very dangerous.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Who is this man please ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: One Mr. Bhaskara Menon, that much only I know.

Mr. C. V. Iyuu *(Kunnamkulam)*: What is the loss the Government incur for any ton of ground-nut cake? The Government sells it at a lower rate.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Not a single pie was lost in this case. The subsidy was introduced only later.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: What is the subsidy now ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: 25 per cent.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പ്ലെയ്വുഡ് ഫാക്ടറിക്കാർ കർഷകനെക്കൊണ്ട് അപേക്ഷ കൊടുപ്പിച്ചു വാങ്ങിച്ചതു് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ അറിവോടുകൂടിയാണൊ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The whole position is that there is absolu tely no scarcity for ground-nut cakes in Cochin State.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പ്ലെയ്വുഡ് ഫാക്ടറിക്കാർ നേരിട്ട ചോദിച്ചാൽ കൊടുക്കുമോ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: No. Tatas is exporting hundreds of tons every month after meeting our requirements. There is absolutely no necessity to interfere in these things. There is manure available here. So why should we interfere.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: നമ്മുടെ ഡെപ്പോവിൽനിന്നു കൊടുക്കുമോ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I meant Tatas. Our depots will not sell manure to any other agency than the agriculturists.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ പ്ലെയ്വുഡ് ഫാക്ടറിക്കാരോടു് ഒരു കർഷകന്റെപേരിൽ ഒരു അപേക്ഷയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ വളം തരാമെന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അപേക്ഷയനുസരിച്ചു് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടൊ എന്നു് അന്വേഷണത്തിൽ കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടൊ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അതു ഞാൻ എങ്ങിനെയാണു് സമാധാനം പറയുക. ഒരു കർഷകനു കുറെ പിണ്ണാക്കു വേണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ ആവശ്യംപോലെ എത്ര ചോദിച്ചാലും വില്ക്കണമെന്നാണു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. അങ്ങിനെ കർഷകർക്കു വിൽക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ മുകുന്ദപുരം ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ കുറെ ഉത്സാഹിച്ചു. പക്ഷെ അതിന്റെ അവസാനം വന്നപ്പോൾ ഈ തരത്തിലൊക്കെയായി.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In view of the fact that there was no offence on the part of the Agricultural Inspector, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to see that the increments are restored to the poor man.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I meant that the agriculturist did not commit any offence. In the case of the Inspector, it was his duty to have enquired into these things.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരെ ശിക്ഷിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടു് പിണ്ണാക്കിന്റെ കായ്ത്തിൽ മേലാൽ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അഴിമതികളൊന്നും ഉണ്ടാകയില്ലെന്നു് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: മേലാൽ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അഴിമതികളൊന്നും ഉണ്ടാകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ജെ. തോമസ്സു്: പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡെപ്പോകളിലേക്കു വളം കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ജെ. തോമസ്സു്: അവക്കു് സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഇൻസ്ട്രക്ഷൻസു് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഇൻസ്ട്രക്ഷൻസു് ഒന്നും കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. വളം കൃഷിയുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനാണെന്നു് എല്ലാവക്കും അറിയാം. സംഗതിവശാൽ ഭാസ്കരമേനോൻ എന്ന ഒരാൾക്കു് ഇങ്ങിനെയൊരു അബദ്ധം പറ്റിയതല്ലാതെ പറയത്തക്ക യാതൊന്നുമില്ല.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Is not the Government selling it at a lower rate?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Not at that time. It is only now.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government consider the question of penalising the agriculturists who sell the manures having obtained them for agricultural purposes, in future?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Excepting this solitary instance, there is no other instance of such sale. If there is real necessity, the Government will do the needful.

COMMUNAL—WAR LIST OF VILLAGE OFFICERS

76. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)* : Will Government be pleased to furnish a communal-war list of Village Officers (Parvathiams and Menons) appointed in 1119 ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prahhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Please see Appendix III.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know why the communal ratio was not strictly applied in these appointments?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The required number of persons who had the required qualifications were not available in the various communities. That is the chief reason. Then there is the question of age-bar. Then there is the question of local men being preferred.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Have the Government noted that out of the 179 appointments only the low number of 5 has gone to the Muslims; not even half the Staff Selection Board ratio.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There were no applicants and there were no qualified men. I can assure you that every Muslim and Pulaya having the required qualifications was selected.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* What is the qualification?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* V Form pass, age 25 and such other qualifications.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* May I know the total number of applications from Muslims?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Then how can you say that all the qualified were taken and there were not sufficient qualified applicants?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I know that, because I selected the applicants. But I don't remember the exact number of applications.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Is the Hon'ble Member in a position to say that he rejected at least 75 per cent of the applicants belonging to the Muslim community.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I am sorry I am not in a position to answer that.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talapalli):* Is there any case of Ezhuva applicants possessing the required qualifications not being appointed?

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